

February 20, 2004

Robert J. Urosevich President, Diebold Election Systems Attn: Marvin Singleton 1611 Wilmeth Road McKinney, Texas 75069

Dear Mr. Urosevich:

On January 8, 2004, you provided our office with a request seeking the conditional certification of Diebold Election Systems' Precinct Control Manager (PCM) 100 and 500 series voting card encoder units.

On February 13, 2004, a letter was sent to you indicating that although you had demonstrated those devices to our staff and our technical consultant, the PCM 100 and 500 had not been reviewed and tested by an Independent Testing Authority (ITA). Due to the fact that Wyle Laboratories issued an opinion that these items would need to be reviewed by them, you were instructed that when the products underwent federal testing you were to resubmit them for consideration for certification. Wyle Laboratories indicated they could not complete esting on the devices due to other constraints and they deferred the testing to Ciber.

We received a report from Ciber this afternoon indicating the tests showed the device successfully creates voter access cards. The test objective was limited to verifying the units functioned as described in the operator manuals. Based on this review and the opinion of the state's technical consultant, the PCM 100 and PCM 500 are conditionally approved for a one-time use to be used for the March 2, 2004 election.

Sincerely.

MARK L. KYLE

Undersecretary of State

Chair, Voting Systems and Procedures Panel

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